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*Reports from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels and mortuary statistics for month of November, 1904.*

Acting assistant surgeon Nuñez reports January 6 and 9 as follows:

During the month of December, 1904, bills of health were issued to 16 vessels bound for the United States, either direct or via foreign ports, with 532 crew, 1 stowaway, and 211 cabin passengers. No bills of health or certificates of vaccination were issued for the Canal Zone nor for the Republic of Panama.

The health of the city during the month has been good. The total mortality from all causes has been 14 less, as compared with that of November last, and lower by 7 deaths in reference to the corresponding period in 1903.

The foregoing contagious diseases have been officially reported during the month: Infectious fever, probably enteric, 1; scarlet fever, 1; diphtheria, 1, and measles, 1.

*Recapitulation of the mortuary reports for December, 1904.*

General diseases.	Number of deaths.
Fever, infectious (probably enteric) .....	1
Tuberculosis, pulmonary .....	12
Anaemia .....	1
Diseases of the nervous system .....	3
Diseases of the circulatory apparatus .....	8
Diseases of the respiratory apparatus .....	6
Diseases of the digestive apparatus .....	6
Diseases of the genito-urinary apparatus .....	2
Other causes .....	3
Total .....	42

Annual rate of mortality per 1,000, 10.50; estimated population, 48,000.

It will be noticed that the greatest number of deaths has been caused by diseases of the lungs, probably due to the influence of the winter season.

Having in view the excellent situation of the city of Matanzas, on elevated ground, the natural declivity of its streets, its location between two rivers which serve as efficient channels through which the surface drainage readily gains access to the bay, and its healthful surroundings, perhaps not excelled by any other locality in this country, it is reasonable to expect that by the reestablishment of a proper system of cleanliness and sanitation in accordance with modern hygiene it could be made to improve its records by showing a far lower rate of mortality, such as would compare favorably at any season of the year, in normal times, with the healthiest city in Cuba.

Week ended January 7, 1905, three bills of health were issued to vessels leaving this port for the United States in good sanitary condition.

One case of measles has been the only contagious disease officially reported in the city during the past week.